

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows;

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of ~~application of~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/901,364, filed on July 9, 2001, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,723,177 on April 20, 2004.

Please amend paragraph [0010] on page 3 as follows:

[0010] Also suitable for treatment are chromium alloy substrates that ~~containing~~ contain significant amounts of chromium, preferably at least about 18 percent chromium. In order to be suitable for treatment, the chromium content of any alloy must be sufficiently high to prevent subsequent corrosion of the alloy due to conversion of a percentage of chromium atoms to chromium carbide or chromium oxide. An example of a material not suitable for treatment is stainless steel containing less than about 18% Cr. The conversion of a portion of this relatively low percentage of chromium atoms to carbides may reduce the chromium content of the stainless steel to a point sufficiently low to allow intergranular corrosion.